

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

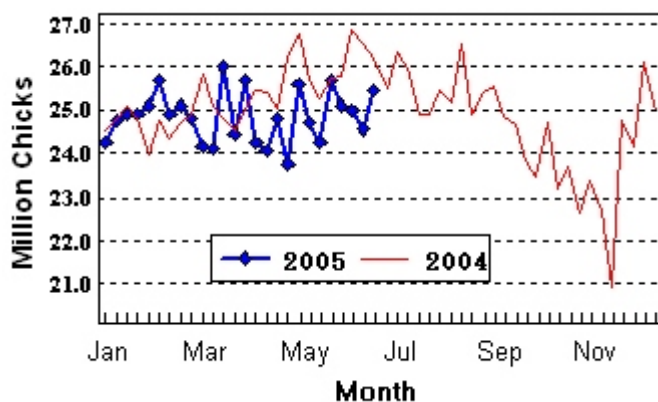
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.4 million during the week ending June 25, 2005. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through June 25, 2005 were 646.3 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.3 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

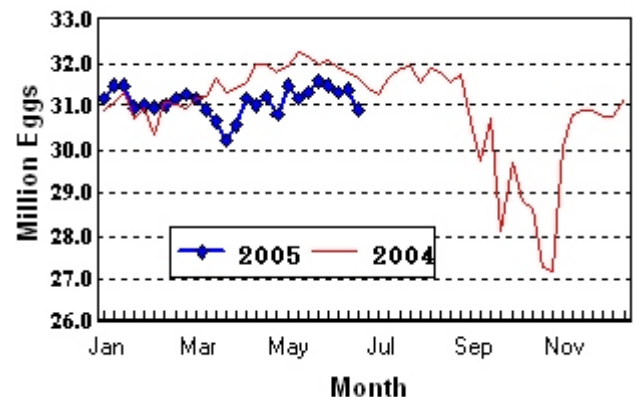
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 25, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 21	25,239	24,280	96	26,313	25,755	98	32,157	31,329	97
May 28	25,726	25,717	100	26,384	26,351	100	31,991	31,587	99
Jun. 4	25,792	25,093	97	26,677	25,962	97	32,066	31,505	98
Jun. 11	26,808	25,012	93	26,514	26,018	98	31,916	31,343	98
Jun. 18	26,556	24,561	92	26,502	26,274	99	31,809	31,354	99
Jun. 25	26,166	25,436	97	26,585	26,251	99	31,647	30,905	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun		21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	
Alabama	31,750	31,786	31,240	30,846	101	21,818	21,786	21,668	22,017	22,158	21,560	106
ARKANSAS	31,505	31,343	31,354	30,905	98	24,280	25,717	25,093	25,012	24,561 *	25,436	97
Delaware	4,039	4,110	4,136	4,061	107	5,975	5,721	5,693	5,708	5,999 *	6,480	132
Florida	1,374	1,382	1,394	1,403	102	1,249	1,526	1,528	1,442	1,536	1,482	93
Georgia	33,650	33,397	33,499	33,138	97	26,904	28,208	27,753	27,652	26,911	28,325	104
Kentucky	6,948 *	7,090	7,070	6,636	94	5,771	6,375	6,335	6,102	5,995 *	6,190	100
Louisiana	4,104	4,105	4,105	4,105	105	3,838	4,197	4,093	3,800	4,134	4,057	115
Maryland	9,013	8,996	9,009	9,016	100	5,761	5,184	5,058	5,395	5,009 *	4,452	73
Mississippi	18,948	19,069	19,178	18,959	96	17,055	17,169	17,041	17,033	17,160	17,212	100
N. Carolina	18,609 *	18,992	18,057	18,590	99	15,073	15,604	15,589	15,594	15,311	15,001	98
Oklahoma	6,526	6,412	6,506 *	6,468	102	5,429	4,356	4,921	4,939	4,999 *	5,405	101
Pennsylvania	3,919 *	3,986 *	3,980 *	4,006	103	3,089	3,169	3,035 *	3,005 *	2,988 *	2,867	110
S. Carolina	5,232	5,053	5,175	5,065	137	4,734	3,299	4,148	3,996	4,927	4,605	113
Texas	15,389	15,396	15,422	15,257	100	13,057	13,053	13,018	12,904	12,937	12,972	101
Virginia	6,512	6,358	6,556 *	6,495	95	5,683	5,271	4,782	5,466	5,455 *	5,835	111
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,241	18,251	18,221 *	17,782	103	17,403	16,707	16,998	17,464	17,450 *	16,231	95
Total 2005	215,759 *	215,726 *	214,902 *	212,732		177,119	177,342	176,753 *	177,529 *	177,530 *	178,110	
Total 2004	212,431	214,186	214,006	212,929		175,320	175,708	176,393	177,930	175,598	175,595	
%Prev. Year	102	101	100	100		101	101	100	100	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending June 25, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 25, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 25, 2005 were 4.40 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.